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In re application of: Van Winkle et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office action dated November 14, 2007, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before February 14, 2008. Applicants petition for a one month extension of time and submit the appropriate extension fee, now making a response due on or before **March 14, 2007**. If any additional fees are required in connection with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 and end with a brief Conclusion on page 12.